



School

Marsh Gibbon Pre-

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## Newsletter Spring Term 2

Week Commencing: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>

March 2020

### Term Dates:

Spring Term 2020	Last day of term	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2020 (AM ONLY)
Summer Term 2020	First day back	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2020
Summer Term 2020	Half Term	w/c 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2020
Summer Term 2020	Last day of term	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2020

### Dates for your Diaries - Functions and Fundraising Events:

Spring Term 2020	New Starter Morning	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2020
Spring Term 2020	Easter Party + Bonnet Parade	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2020 (AM ONLY)
Summer Term 2020	Date for your diaries (School leavers only) Tempest – Leavers of 2020 Group Photo	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May 2020

### Welcome to:

Please welcome some new children to our wonderful pre-school:

Brooke and Reagan!



### Dates to note:

#### New Starter Morning – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020

On Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 between 10am-11am we will hold a new starter morning for all of the children who are due to join us after the Easter break. The morning will run as normal for all other children in our setting, it will just be an opportunity for our new starters and their families to explore the setting and meet their new key persons. If you know anyone who you think would like to join our setting in the new future please let us know and we will be happy to pass on any relevant information.

## Easter Party + Bonnet Parade- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020

This year we will combine the Easter Party and the Easter Bonnet Parade. Therefore, the Easter party will run from **9am-11am** and then the Parade will begin at **11am**. All Children are welcome to join in the fun, not just Friday Children, however we ask that each Child pays a small contribution of **£3** towards the party food and extra activities provided. We will also be asking for parent/carer helpers on the day. *Invitations to follow*



- All children are invited to the party/parade and not just Wednesday morning children. You will **not** be invoiced for this session, we just ask that you make the **£3** contribution.

All parents and Children that are not attending the party are asked to arrive at 10.45am for a prompt start at 11.00am, we will charge **£1** per adult spectator. After the bonnet parade there will be hot cross buns and tea and coffee as well as our usual fundraising such as a raffle draw, cake stall, Easter gift and chocolate egg tombola (more info to come).

All Children taking part must have an adult at preschool to watch the parade, all Children are to be taken home afterwards – **there is no afternoon session.**

**We would be very grateful if you could please donate:**

- An Easter Egg for the 'Egg Tombola'
- Raffle Prize
- Cakes for our 'cake sale' (to be brought to preschool on the day).

**Please ensure you bring the raffle prizes and Easter Eggs in by Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020, Cakes made are to be brought in on the day.**

## Leavers of 2019, Group Photo – Wed 20<sup>th</sup> May 2020

A photographer from Tempest Photography will be visiting Pre-School on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2020 from 9.00am to capture a group photo of the children who are leaving for School this summer. **All Children that are leaving for school** are asked to come in at 9.00am if they do not already attend the session. If your Child already attends a Wednesday morning session then their photo will be automatically taken.



## Staff and Committee Roles

As we have new children joining throughout the term it can be useful to keep all families up to date with our staff and committee structure. All staff at Marsh Gibbon Pre-School are 'Key Persons' to a group of wonderful children. Information can also be found on our display board in the foyer.

### Staff:

Megan Neal – Pre-School Leader and Designated Safeguarding Officer

Tracey Benton – Deputy Leader and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Officer

Karen Maciejewski – Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Coordinator (SENDCo) and Behaviour Management officer.

Helen Pearson – Early Years Practitioner  
Julie Cronin – Early Years Practitioner  
Balli Tiwina – Early Years Practitioner  
Amy Haslam – Early Years Practitioner

#### Committee:

Chairperson and Designated Safeguarding Officer – Rachel Blane  
Vice Chair and Village Hall Link – Kelly Cheek  
Secretary – Alison Denny (Georgia's Mummy)  
Treasurer – Beverly Hampson  
Fundraiser – Hannah Roberts (Lily's Mummy)  
Fundraiser – Karen Barber (Teddy's Mummy)

### Pre-School News

- **Attendance** - We have been advised by Bucks to keep on top of attendance, especially the attendance of children who are claiming funded hours. Regularly missed sessions can result in the Pre-School having to pay back the money to Bucks County Council and as a charity run pre-school we simply cannot afford this. We ask that all parents inform us ASAP if your child is going to be absent for whatever reason. *Unauthorised absences will have to be paid back.*
- **Arriving/collecting on time** – Attendance goes hand in hand with arriving/collecting on time. Please ensure that you arrive on time to preschool and before **9.15**, unless you have informed us of a late arrival. It can be very disruptive to the Children when you arrive late and it takes staff away from the Children and compromises the security/safety of the Children due to opening and closing doors. Please ensure you are also collecting your Children on time too. Collection times are: **12.00pm, 1.00pm and 3.00pm**. As a pack away setting in a village hall that is well used we have the added pressure of other hall users needing to get into the building straight after us, therefore we need to ensure we are out on time.



### Fruit and vegetables in our home corner

The children enjoy seeing real fruit and vegetables in the home corner so please could you add an extra (exciting) fruit or vegetable to your weekly shop to bring in for us to explore.

### Children's garden area

We will begin lots of planting and growing in our Garden again as part of learning about how plants grow and exploring fruits and vegetables. Any donations in the form of seeds, soil or gardening tools will be very gratefully welcome.

- Do you or possibly a grandparent, neighbour or friend have any spare time to help us trim our gardening area to allow the children to explore our gardening area? We would be so appreciative of any help!



### Feedbacks

With 44 Children on roll at Marsh Gibbon Pre-school you can imagine that it is very hard to ensure we fit feedbacks in for everyone. This is the reason why we have an effective system in place where parents come and help and then receive their feedback session whilst helping. **Please ensure you are doing your best to**

**come and help at preschool.** Obviously we understand that some people just simply cannot help, in this case please see your Childs 'Key Person' to arrange a suitable time to feedback to you.

### Names on clothing

Our motto is – If you can take it off then please **name it!** Please label all clothes including hats and gloves. Also lunch boxes, lids and water bottles as these can so quickly and easily be mixed up over lunch times.

### Facebook Page

Just a reminder that we are using our facebook page more than ever now so please ensure you are following it.

It is helping us advertise our wonderful Preschool and we also put up **some** updates and reminders of events however it will mainly be to promote our Preschool. **Please find us on facebook and 'LIKE' our page.**



**At home I.....** Just a reminder that we have stickers available in the foyer area for you to write down things that your children have achieved at home so that these can be recognised at preschool as well as at home. Things like sleeping all through the night, sleeping in their own bed, toileting, no more dummies, counting to 10 for the first time, winning a race. ANYTHING GOES! We want to hear about all achievements no matter how big or small they are. The stickers will look very much like the 'apple tree' stickers and this system will work really well with your cooperation so please join in!

### Fundraising:

#### Easyfundraising.co.uk

Did you know that you can make money for the Pre-school when you do your internet shopping? Simply visit [Easyfundraising.co.uk](http://Easyfundraising.co.uk) and register for Marsh Gibbon Pre School – Oxon. You can then click through to all your usual sites like Amazon, Asda, John Lewis, M&S, Interflora, iTunes and lots more.

### Smarties Challenge

After the success of last year's fundraising challenge, we have decided to continue with the Smarties Challenge again this year. You will soon receive a tube of smarties for your child to complete the smarties challenge. Please ensure you return the tube filled with 20p's by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020. Your Child will receive their certificate and be rewarded in group time on the day they return their tube. The Child who raises the most money will receive a prize!



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**Parent/Carer Contribution–**

(Please feel free to make any comments regarding the Newsletter or any recommendations that you may have and return it to preschool in the comments box located in the foyer).